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IN AN ARTIFICIAL LIMB

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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated November 13, 2008, and includes the following sections:

Amendments to the Claims beginning on page 2; and Remarks, beginning on page 6.

A fee in the amount of \$2,350 is being paid via credit card. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0029 and notify us of the same. Pursuant to C.F.R.§ 1.136, Applicant hereby requests a 3 month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated November 13, 2009. If the extension period requested herein is incorrect, Applicant requests an extension for the necessary period of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.